

REMARKS

The proposed amendments to the claims place the Application in better form for issuance. As such, the proposed amendment is merely formal in nature, does not introduce new matter, and does not affect the scope of the claims. Therefore, it is believed that the proposed amendment is permissible under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Accordingly, approval and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of allowance of claims 9 and 14 along with claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20 and 21. Claims 9 and 14 were not listed among the allowed claims. The status of the claims that were pending at the time of allowance of the application is shown in Supplemental Amendment F filed on December 2, 2004.

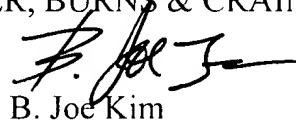
As required, Applicants herewith submit formal drawings. These drawings are duplicates of the formal drawings originally filed with the application. The original formal drawings had not been objected to by the Examiner or the Official Draftsperson.

The Examiner should call Applicant's attorney if there are any questions regarding the allowed claims or the drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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